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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. OBEY).

### DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC.

May 28, 2010.

I hereby appoint the Honorable DAVID R. OBEY to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NANCY PELOSI,

*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin offered the following prayer:

We believe in One God, Father of all, Creator and source of life for all.

To say You are one is to hint at Your perfection. To call You a trinity of persons is to bless You in Your oneness of relationship. Yours is continual communication and relating.

We beg for Your grace and power that we may be one. Remove all division and discord which cause dysfunction and confusion in our souls.

Make of our diversity a new strength; that will bind us to one another in purpose.

Heal our understandable wounds of the past and all paralyzing fears of the future. Help us to develop better skills in relating to others.

Shape our differing perspectives by respectful dialogue so we may be unified in serving the common good of this nation and be a light to the world.  
Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

Ms. TSONGAS. Mr. Speaker, pursuant to clause 1, rule I, I demand a vote on agreeing to the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The question is on the Speaker's approval of the Journal.

The question was taken; and the Speaker pro tempore announced that the ayes appeared to have it.

Ms. TSONGAS. Mr. Speaker, on that I demand the yeas and nays.

The yeas and nays were ordered.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8, rule XX, further proceedings on this question will be postponed.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Minnesota (Mr. WALZ) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. WALZ led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

### A TRIBUTE TO ALL OUR VETERANS

(Ms. TSONGAS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. TSONGAS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to all those who wear and who have worn the uniform of the United States of America.

As a member of the House Armed Services Committee, it has been my honor to work with my colleagues to provide our veterans with the resources and care they so justly deserve.

To that end, I would like to highlight just two of the many programs this Congress has enacted in its efforts to provide better support to our veterans.

Since the post-9/11 GI bill went into effect in August 2009, \$1.2 billion in education benefits have been paid to veterans students, including members of the Guard and Reserve and, in some instances, their wives and children, providing them with the skills they need in a global economy.

Through provisions in the End Veteran Homelessness Act of 2010, we are working toward a goal of ending veteran homelessness in 5 years.

To all our veterans, it is you and those who came before you who have made our freedoms possible. Thank you for your courage, commitment, and sacrifice, knowing that service in war is a life-changing event that we must ever honor.

### HONORING ELIZABETH LUKES

(Mrs. BIGGERT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. BIGGERT. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor an educator and former student from my district, Elizabeth Lukes.

On March 10, 2010, Elizabeth Lukes was named Illinois High School Boys Diving Coach of the Year by the Illinois Swimming Association. For the last 8 years she has been coaching boys and girls at Hinsdale South High School in Darien, Illinois. One of her divers at Hinsdale South High School, Jordan Dyson, has placed in the top three spots for all 4 years of his high school diving career, capping this accomplishment with a first place finish

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